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A TWO-LAYER COATING BUILDUP ) EXAMINER: M.D. BISSETT  
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In response to the Final Office Action dated August 6, 2004, Applicants hereby submit the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

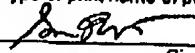
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